

...NOTICE TO PUBLIC...

THE \$50,000 STOCK OF MERCHANDISE OWNED BY
H. J. VERMEULEN, Alma, Michigan.

has fallen into the hands of Stevens & Co., of Chicago, and will be sold in the city of Alma at a great sacrifice. The doors will be open on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, and sale will commence at 8 a. m. Music if you like it, but the most attractive feature of this great Adjustment Sale is the price. A deep cut has been made on entire stock in order to sell it quickly. This means a saving to you on staple goods, such as

Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Suits and Overcoats, Dry Goods, Cloaks, Suits, Furs, Separate Skirts, Millinery, Corsets, Gloves, Laces, Velvets, Fine Linens, Dress Goods, Crockery, Fine China, Bric-a-brac, Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains, etc.

SUPPLY YOUR WANTS FOR A YEAR OR TWO WHILE THIS MATTER IS BEING ADJUSTED BY THE MEDIATORS IN CHARGE.

Old clerks will be retained and a large force of new ones will be on hand to assist in caring for the crowds and their wants. Come and see what Stevens & Co. have done to the store. Come from miles away and see a bit of Chicago life while you load up with bargains.

This Great Sale will continue every day until Goods are sold, or matters adjusted to entire satisfaction of all parties interested.

Don't Forget the Date, Saturday, February 14th, Eight O'clock.

N. B.-Wanted 50 Clerks, Wide Awake.

G. H. McCLUSKEY, Representative in Charge.

SANITARIUM.. NOTES.

To the recipients of this paper who have not regularly subscribed therefor we wish to announce that the Sanitarium Company have decided to send the paper gratis, for a time to all former guests at the sanitarium.

Dr. Lancashire made a short business trip to Detroit on Thursday of last week.

Mr. W. W. Kenyon, of Howell, spent Sunday at the sanitarium with his wife.

Mr. S. S. Hulbert, of Battle Creek, a prominent attorney of that city, arrived at the Sanitarium February 6th for a stay of some weeks.

Dr. Browning was at his best. Especially beautiful was his rendition of the Bedouin Love Song, which put the audience in rapport with the thought of the thrilling story.

The music by Miss Whiting was exquisite and in perfect harmony with the theme of the evening. She was wonderfully skillful and sympathetic in this most delicate achievement.

This was one of the most artistic recitals ever heard here. It was given by Mrs. Alice White DeVol, of Columbus, Ohio, assisted by Miss Gertrude Whiting, pianist, and Dr. Geo. S. Browning, vocalist.

Mr. D. S. Sutherland, division superintendent of the Michigan Central, was unexpectedly recalled to his work in Detroit and so was obliged to shorten his intended stay here. He returned Tuesday morning.

With Mrs. DeVol elocution is an art, the art of expression through which the best literature is brought before the public and made living thought. She is a great interpreter. The fortunate ones who heard her Saturday evening sat breathless as they followed in fancy where she led them. She combined the art of the preacher, the teacher and the actor.

Mrs. DeVol is one of the leading graduates of the Emerson School of Oratory, and stands in the first ranks of the elocutionists of America. She is a daughter of the late Pres. E. E. White of Purdue University of Indiana, and sister of Governor White of West Virginia. She is well known as a teacher of literature, and is an authority on Shakespeare and Browning. She is spending the winter at the sanitarium where she has much improved in health.

The Swedish movement apparatus has been running smoothly and effectively for the past two weeks in the new

quarters. The motive power now is a five horse power electric motor which makes a much more convenient and readily applicable power than the engine that was formerly in use, as the apparatus may be used at any time during the day. With this arrangement it is intended to make the Swedish movement more of a feature of the treatment.

Below is the dinner menu for Tuesday Feb 10.

Olives	Consomme	Celery
Baked Whitefish	Parisian Potatoes	
Roast Beef au Jus		
Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce		
Banana Fritters, Wine Sauce		
Stewed Tomatoes	Succotash	
Mashed Potatoes		
Blueberry Pie		
Orange Ice Cream	Cake	
Grape Marmalade	Fruit	Apple Jelly
Edam or American Cheese		
Tea	Milk	Coffee
		Cocoa

Last Saturday evening a symphonic recital was held in the parlor of which the program follows:

Part I.
Piano Solo, "On the Mountains"..... Grieg
A Romance of the Faith..... H. D. Ward
Scene I. The Return. Scene II. In the Garden.
Music—"The Bedouin Love Song"..... Pinesuite
Scene III. At the Altar. Scene IV. In the Desert.
Music—"Fear Ye not O Israel"..... Dudley Buck
The Blessed Damozel..... Part II.
Music—"Love's Sorrow"..... D. G. Rossotti
Accompaniment..... H. R. Shelley.
Accompaniment..... Braga

WELL WORTH KNOWING.

Facts, Not Fiction—Weak Nerves—All Run Down—Constant Headaches—Sleep Not Restful—A Victim Gives the Road to Health.

Mr. George McClellan, of State St., Alma, Mich., says: "Last spring I procured a box of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills at Sharrar & Mulholland's drug store, and used them. I found them an excellent tonic and strengthening medicine. I rested better in every way. I have no hesitation in recommending them to others."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50c a box at dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., are on every package.

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"What's the matter, old man? Been losing on wheat?" "No, not that; forgot to take Rocky Mountain Tea last night. Wife said I'd be sick today." 35 cents. Bivins & Rhodes.

TREATISE ON BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY

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bill, at which time there were seven beet sugar factories in the country, certain states passed laws providing a bounty on domestic sugar. Michigan was one of them. Within two months after the enactment of the Dingley measure the contract for the first factory in Michigan was let. Today, five years after, 45 factories are in operation and 11 more are to be built this year.

"In 1897 the United States produced 40,000 long tons of beet sugar; in 1902 the total production was 198,500 tons, or nearly five times as much. The value of the product was \$20,000,000, and \$10,000,000 was paid to farmers. The sugar crop of last year was \$34,000,000. And what of the future? The consumption in the United States in 1902 was 2,586,000 tons, the average yearly increase being 6.94 per cent, which amounts practically to compound interest at 7 per cent.

The total production of sugar, cane and beet, in this country last year was 860,000 tons, or about one third of the United States' consumption. There were imported 1,706,000 tons, the value of which at the average price of raw sugar is \$136,480,000. This is more than the value of the country's exports of corn and animals combined, which amounted to \$134,855,000.

"All foreign sugar has to be refined at a labor cost of 20 cents per 100 pounds. The labor cost of raising beets and manufacturing sugar therefrom is from \$2.90 to \$3.10 per 100 pounds. Which is better for the American workman—refining imported sugar or making the domestic article at home?

"What of Michigan's future? Sixteen factories with an average daily capacity of 8,700 tons of beets, erected at a cost of \$5,700,000, are in operation. Six new plants are in progress of building, with a combined daily capacity of 4,400 tons of beets. This means an outlay of \$1,400,000 this coming season and represents a total investment, exclusive of working capital, of \$13,100,000. In an average year these 22 factories will use daily 13,100 tons of beets, or 13,000,000 tons of beets in a season of 100 days and will pay farmers \$7,000,000, which is greater than the amount received by Michigan farmers for their wheat. They will produce 800,000 barrels of granulated sugar of the value of \$12,000,000, which is one and three fourths times the total consumption in Michigan. And this entire business has been created in the past five years."

Look the Fact in the Face.

The progress of a bad cold toward galloping consumption may be terribly sudden. Don't let this ugly fact frighten you, but when you begin to cough take Allen's Lung Balsam, that stops the cough by curing the cold. Preparations containing opium, merely quiet the cough for a time. There is no narcotic drug in Allen's Lung Balsam. Sold by all druggists.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ALMA STATE SAVINGS BANK, ALMA, MICH.,

at the close of business, February 6th, 1903, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$54,000.00
Bonds, mortgages and securities	33,418.13
Overdrafts	140.98
Furniture and fixtures	14,900.00
Due from other banks and bankers	1,400.00
Due from banks in reserve cities	\$1,918.01
U. S. and National Bank Currency	8,907.00
Gold, coin	240.00
Silver, coin	11,843.30
Notes and drafts	115.33
Checks, cash items, internal revenue account	7.70
Total	\$119,900.30
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	2,000.00
Undivided profits, net	400.00
Commercial deposits	\$3,718.48
Savings certificates	55,878.22
Total	\$119,900.30

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF GRATIOT, ss.

I, George W. Moore, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE W. MOORE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twelfth day of February, 1903.

LUCIUS S. BAILEY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: E. R. HATHAWAY, J. Wm. A. BAKER, L. H. HAYT, Directors.

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